

Names and numbers History of Science Department AM Degree Requirements Worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

Advisor/area(s) of interest: _____

Entered program (year): _____

COURSEWORK

1. HISTSCI 3003a Historiography of the History of Science _____
2. HISTSCI 3003b Research Methods in the History of Science _____

Semester/Year

Four additional graduate level seminars (2000-level courses in DHS or courses marked “primarily for graduate students” in other departments). Of these, three must be DHS seminars.

Note: History of Science courses include those taught in other departments by members of DHS faculty, courses cross-listed by DHS, and graduate courses in Science, Technology and Society offered by MIT (no more than three courses may be taken at MIT).

(course #/department/title/instructor)

3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

One seminar (at the 200/2000-level) outside the department:

6. _____

Two additional DHS courses (at the 1000 or 2000-level)

7. _____
8. _____

AM ESSAY

Topic (form due March 1st): _____

Title: _____

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Date Submitted</i>	<i>Date Reviewed with Student</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____

AM Degree Requirements met¹

Director of Graduate Studies signature

Date

¹ Copy to student; original to file.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE **AM Degree Requirements**

Eight four-unit courses or the equivalent, including:

- Historiography of the History of Science
- Research Methods in the History of Science
- Four additional graduate seminars (2000-level) of which:
 - Three must be offered by DHS
 - One must be outside the department

(Graduate Reading and Independent study courses do not fulfill graduate seminar requirement)
- Two additional History of Science courses, designated either “for undergraduates and graduate students” (1000-level) or “primarily for graduate students” (2000-level)

History of Science courses include:

1. Courses taught in other departments by members of DHS
2. Courses cross-listed under History of Science in the [online course catalogue](#)
3. Graduate-level courses offered by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the [Science, Technology and Society Program](#) (A maximum of three courses may be taken at MIT)

All other courses count as outside the department

AM Essay:

The master’s essay is ordinarily a revised or expanded version of a paper written for a course in the history of science—HISTSCI 3003b or another graduate seminar—taken during the AM year. Candidates for the AM must submit the AM Essay Topic Proposal form, available on the Graduate Program web site, by March 1 of the AM year.

The essay must be submitted to the course instructor, DGS, and Graduate Coordinator by the last day of reading period. It must previously have been read and commented on by the instructor of the relevant seminar and revised on the basis of those comments. In cases in which the essay has not been written to fulfill course requirements, DGS will designate a faculty member to grade the essay.

The essay will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- It must present an original argument based on research in primary sources.
- It must be accompanied by a complete bibliography of works cited and references in an appropriate scholarly format.
- It must be 7,500-10,500 words in length, exclusive of bibliography.
- It must receive a grade of B+ or higher.

Residence and progress:

Students must be in residence for one year of full-time study.

Eight courses must be completed with grades of “B” or higher.

All Master’s students will meet with the DGS and, where applicable, their advisor, at the start of each semester to review progress and approve plans of study.

Doctoral students who complete the doctoral course requirements (including submitting two research papers) are eligible to receive an AM degree in History of Science with the approval of the director of graduate studies and the faculty.